

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner has required Applicants to select one of the following three groups under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a receptor for human parvovirus B19;

Group II, claims 9 and 10, drawn to an antibody that binds a receptor for human parvovirus B19; and

Group III, claims 11-14, drawn to a method for producing a cell that expresses a receptor for human parvovirus B19.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-8, drawn to a receptor for human parvovirus B19.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No 42,874 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch.


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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